

## CONGRESS HALTS NOTABLE SESSION

PRESIDENT LEAVES CAPITAL NOT  
TO RETURN UNTIL AFTER  
THE ELECTION.

### THREE BIG BILLS MUST WAIT

Appropriations Reach High Figures,  
and Obligations for Future Pay-  
ment Add to Greatest Sums  
Ever Set Apart.

Washington, D. C.—Congress adjourned last Friday after a session lasting for nine months and two days and will not reassemble till Dec. 4, unless some greater emergency causes the president to call it for an earlier date. In the senate and the house the concluding session was brief and was devoted to bits of legislation and routine business that had been left over from protracted sittings.

President Wilson went to the capitol to sign eleven-hour measures and later left Washington not to return until after the presidential election in November.

#### President's Statement.

In a formal statement, President Wilson, speaking of the work of congress, gave notice that the remainder of the railroad program would be pressed at the new session. His statement was as follows:

"A very remarkable session of congress has just closed, full, as all recent sessions of the congress have been of helpful and humane legislation, which constitutes contributions of capital importance to the defense, the economic progress and the whole life of the country.

"It is to be regretted that the session could not have continued long enough to complete the program recently projected with regard to the accommodation of labor disputes between the railways and the employees, but it was not feasible in the circumstances to continue the session any longer, and therefore only the most immediately pressing parts of the program could be completed.

"The rest, it is agreed, has merely been postponed until it can be more maturely deliberated and perfected. I have every reason to believe that it is the purpose of the leaders of the two houses immediately upon the reassembling of congress, to undertake this additional legislation. It is evident that the country should be relieved of the anxiety which must have been created by recent events with regard to the future accommodation of such disputes."

#### Three Bills Go Over.

The immigration bill, the corrupt practices bill and the bill to permit combinations of American exporters to meet foreign competition abroad went over.

Congress, at the session closed, appropriated exactly \$1,626,439,210, which, with obligations and authorizations for the future, makes the total \$1,856,384,485.

### SEEKS PRO-GERMAN INQUIRY

Gardner of Massachusetts Urges Investigation of Organization Trying to Control Election.

Washington, D. C.—Just before congress adjourned, Representative Gardner of Massachusetts introduced a resolution which he announced he would press at the winter session for congressional investigation of organizations which it is alleged under foreign influence have attempted to affect elections of congressmen. He named the American embargo conference and the American commerce and protective committee among those he wanted investigated.

In a statement accompanying his resolution Gardner charged that it was commonly understood that "one of these pro-German organizations has a large fund in Massachusetts which it intends to use in four congressional districts."

#### New Size of Poison Tablets.

Atlantic City, N. J.—A new form of tablet which is said to minimize the danger of mistaking poison tablets for other medicine was introduced at the convention of the American Pharmaceutical Association here. The tablet is of peculiar shape.

#### Deep Draft Ships Pass Canal.

Panama.—Twelve ships passed through the Panama canal Friday. Their maximum draught was 28 feet, which indicates that the dredging of the slide at Cucaracha has been virtually completed.

#### Print Paper Once \$40 Now \$120.

Davenport, Ia.—Newspaper publishers of eastern Iowa and northwestern Illinois are here discussing the print paper situation and circulation rates. They report that they are paying as high as \$120 a ton for print paper which formerly cost \$40 a ton.

#### Railroad to Be Extended.

Winnipeg, Man.—Rail will be laid the last of this month to a point near Kettle Rapids, as an extension to the Hudson Bay railroad, the closest line in the world to the North Pole.

#### Rioter Rejected as Citizen.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Because of his connection with the labor riots in Brad dock last May when three men were killed and many wounded, Steven Mihalic was refused citizenship here.

#### Dies at 83 in Her Wedding Gown.

Denver, Colo.—Clad in her wedding gown of 60 years ago, Mrs. Magdalene Miller, 83 years old, was found on the lawn of the Old Ladies' Home bruised and she died later as the result of a leap from a second-story window.

## GIVING BLOOD TO SAVE CHILDREN



In order that little children may have their chance to recover from the dreaded infantile paralysis now raging in New York, strong men are volunteering to give their blood, of which is made a serum for use in treatment of the epidemic. The photograph shows Dr. Abraham Zingher of the Willard Parker hospital, New York, taking seven ounces of blood from the arm of W. C. Michel.

## TO FIGHT EIGHT-HOUR LAW CONFEREES AT NEW LONDON

### RAILWAY LAWYERS PLANNING HOT CAMPAIGN.

Meeting to Determine Course of Action to Prove Measure Unconstitutional.

New York City.—A meeting of counsel for the leading railroads of the United States will be held within a few days to determine upon the most effective method of opposing the eight-hour law now from congress by the railroad brotherhoods. Announcement of a definite course of action will follow immediately, it is expected.

Railroad officials declare that the fight against the constitutionality of the law will be taken up without delay. They maintain congress had been coerced and intimidated by the labor men into passing an illegal measure.

W. H. Truesdale, president of the Lackawanna railroad, declared his colleagues were disposed to have the law tested at the earliest possible moment. He was unable to say what the procedure would be, but thought the legal departments of the railroad companies easily could agree upon a method.

Ending of the strike danger just as the railway employees were scheduled to leave their posts caused a sudden collapse in most of the inflated prices of foodstuffs in New York. Joseph Hartigan, commissioner of weights and measures, found local markets glutted.

Produce dealers who purchased enormous quantities of provisions in the hope of holding them for extortionate prices were hard hit by the signing of the eight-hour law. It was said that hundreds of tons of vegetables would have to be sold at less than their cost to the dealer.

### SINN FEIN MOVEMENT GROWS

Society Colors Worn, Its Flags Unfurled and Its Songs Sung in Many Counties.

London, Eng.—The Times publishes a special article from a correspondent described as a "component English observer with no prepossessions on present conditions in Ireland." This article draws attention to the remarkable growth of the Sinn Fein since the rebellion.

The writer says in the counties of the south, southwest, west and east it has spread rapidly. Sinn Fein colors are worn, Sinn Fein flags are unfurled when opportunity occurs.

#### House Considered 17,800 Bills.

Washington.—During the closing session of congress 17,800 bills and 642 resolutions were introduced in the house. Of these 252 bills became laws and 33 public resolutions were adopted in addition to 150 private bills and resolutions passed.

String to Good Roads Fund. Washington.—Each state must organize a highway department before it gets funds provided for by the federal good roads act. A ruling to this effect was given in the case of Indiana, where there is no highway department.

#### England Plans to Save Ships.

London.—Plans have been drawn for salvaging many vessels sunk in the North Sea and the Channel. The work will start when the war ends.

#### Germany to Postpone Election.

Amsterdam.—The German government has decided that there shall be no general election during the war. The reichstag, on reassembling, will pass a measure prolonging its life until next January.

#### Fastens Gun to Ceiling; Dies.

Hannibal, Mo.—John A. Pollard, whose mind is believed to have been unbalanced, fastened a shotgun to the ceiling of his bedroom and pulled the trigger with a long string. His suicide effort was successful.

#### Federal Shipping Bill Signed.

Washington.—President Wilson has signed the shipping bill. It authorizes organization of a corporation with capitalization of not more than \$50,000,000 to buy or lease ships and put them in trade.

#### Sentenced for Riffing Mails.

Danville, Ill.—James Anderson of Murphysboro pleaded guilty to a charge of rifling the mails of registered letters, and was sentenced to a year and a day in prison and fined \$100.

### MEXICAN BOARD TALK OVER BORDER PLANS.

American Commissioners Satisfied With Relations Established—Pershing's Withdrawal Asked.

New London, Connecticut.—The Mexican-American joint commission made what was described as definite progress toward the formulation of an agreement which would cover future military operations along the international border. This was the only subject discussed during the morning session, over which Franklin K. Lane, heading the American delegation, presided.

At the noon recess Secretary Lane said he was well satisfied with the relations which had been established among the commissioners and the progress made. No border plan, even of a tentative nature, had yet been adopted, he said.

At the afternoon's deliberations the Mexican delegates made a formal request for the withdrawal of Gen. Pershing's expedition from Mexican territory. Papers bearing directly upon this phase of the situation were studied by the American commissioners.

One of the papers examined was a report made by Gen. Pershing about a month ago saying that the object of his expedition had been accomplished so far as it has been possible to complete it under the conditions which surround the movement. Another was the formal recommendation of Gen. Funston that the Pershing expedition be recalled.

### JUNTA DIRECTS VILLA PLOTS

Two Mexicans Arrested in El Paso Charged With Violation of Neutrality Laws.

El Paso, Texas.—With the arrest of two more Mexicans, United States secret service men announced they had discovered that the operations of the bandit forces headed by Pancho Villa are being directed from this city by a revolutionary junta here. The Mexicans now under arrest will be charged with violation of the neutrality laws.

The cutting of the Mexico Northwestern railway by Villa is expected at any time by military men here.

### VILLA ELUDES U. S. SCOUTS

Field Headquarters, Mexico.—Border reports concerning Villa's recent moves through the Santa Clara canon toward La Guna have not been confirmed by investigation in that district, Gen. J. P. Pershing announced.

Gen. Pershing returned to field headquarters, having completed inspection of the American camps in Mexico.

"The American troops in Mexico are in the pink of condition and their equipment, morale, ordnance, transportation and communication leave nothing to be desired," he said.

#### Employees Get Their Jobs Back.

Washington.—Orders to reinstate immediately all employees of the post-office department on their discharge from the militia, without awaiting formal approval of the department, were issued to all postmasters by the postmaster general.

#### "Dry" Navy Rules Apply.

New London, Conn.—Tex is the strongest beverage the Mexican commissioners can imbibe aboard the presidential yacht Mayflower. Secretary Daniels' "dry" navy rules apply even when foreign guests are present.

#### Teachers Return, Children Absent.

New York.—Thousands of men and women teachers in schools in New York had to report for duty and go to work, even though there is no school on account of the infantile paralysis epidemic.

#### Sugar Price Down 75 Cents.

San Francisco, Cal.—The larger sugar refineries here have announced a drop of 75 cents per 100 pounds in refined sugar in consequence with recent decreases in raw sugar quotations.

#### Kansas Miners Still Hold Out.

Kansas City, Mo.—The subcommittee considering the two-year working contract for the 35,000 coal miners of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas has been unable to reach an agreement.

## NOTE THREATENS BRITISH VESSELS

REFUSAL TO CHANGE BOYCOTT  
POLICY GIVEN AS  
REASON.

### PRESIDENTIAL POWER CITED

All Shipping in American Ports May  
Be Held Until Stuff Johnny Bull  
Comes to Realization of  
the Facts.

Washington, D. C.—State department officials have begun assembling material for another peremptory demand on Great Britain to raise the boycott of American business firms, following receipt of advance information on the forthcoming British answer. Powers of retaliation which congress placed in the president's hands, may be brought to work very soon.

Secretary of State Lansing has been informed officially that the British reply to the blacklist note will be received shortly and that the British government virtually will ignore the arguments of America, and continue good feeling between the nation cannot exist if there is to be an arbitrary rule enforced against American business firms.

Officials are closely studying plans for retaliation against England since they have learned that they can expect no relief except that obtained by force employed in a commercial way.

The British reply to Acting Secretary of State Polk's note, written weeks ago, is expected here not later than the middle of next week. Officials have been informed that they should not entertain false hopes that the wishes of this government shall be complied with. They, therefore, are ready to employ every means available for bringing England to a point where she shall have to yield to the American ideas of fairness.

Shortly after the receipt of the British reply it will be answered by a note in which the British government will be informed officially of the powers of retaliation recently placed by congress in the president's hands. Unless Great Britain answers satisfactorily more quickly than it took for her to agree on an unsatisfactory reply to the first boycott note, every British ship will be in danger of being held up in American ports and clearances refused.

### ROB AND SLAY MINE MANAGER

Martin's Ferry, Ohio.—Stepping out of the shrubbery along the roadway at Glen's Run, three miles west of here, two men killed Lee Rankin, superintendent of the Youghiogheny & Ohio Coal Co., took the nine payroll of \$12,000 from Rankin's automobile and escaped. Posses are in pursuit.

Paul Pickens, a chauffeur for Rankin, attempted to save the payroll by speeding up the machine after Rankin had fallen out with four bullets in his body, but a shot from one of the bandits stopped him.

#### King Confers With Kaiser.

Berlin.—King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, accompanied by the crown prince has arrived at the main headquarters on the Eastern front to consult with the German emperor.

#### Yaquis Raiding Small Towns.

Nogales, Ariz.—Fifty-five mounted Yaquis are terrorizing residents of small towns and ranches along the northern boundary of Sonora and in Southern Arizona.

#### Williams College Opening Postponed.

Williamstown, Mass.—The opening of Williams College, scheduled for September 21, has been postponed for two weeks on account of the epidemic of infantile paralysis.

#### Man, 84, Weds Woman, 64.

Leeds, Ark.—"Uncle Clint" Griffin, 88 years old, the hero of two wars, and the oldest resident of Leeds, surrendered to Cupid and was married to Mrs. Wolf of Achey. The lady is 64 years old.

#### Civilian Cruelty Ended.

Washington.—With the announcement that the "John Paul Jones sea voyage," on which 2,500 civilians have been in training since Aug. 3, had been highly successful, orders were issued by the navy department terminating the training.

#### Electrocuted When Ironing.

Cleveland, O.—Mrs. August Teury, the mother of five children, was electrocuted while using an electric iron in her home here.

#### 99 Indians Pay Income Tax.

Muskogee, Ok.—Ninety-nine full blooded restricted Indians in the Five Tribes of Oklahoma are paying the federal income tax, according to an announcement. More will be added to the list before the end of the year.

#### Liege Defender Still Defiant.

Paris.—Gen. Lemay, the heroic defender of Liege, states in a letter to his daughter that he has refused to be transferred to Switzerland, because he will not accept any favors from the Germans.

#### President's Sister Ill.

Baltimore, Md.—Mrs. Annie W. Howe, the only sister of the president, is seriously ill at a hotel in New London, Conn., according to a telegram received here by Joseph R. Wilson, a brother.

#### Mustering Out Officer Named.

Chicago.—Lieut. Col. M. McNamara has been named by Maj. Gen. Thomas H. Barry, commander of the central army department to muster out the defederalized national guard of Illinois.

## U. S. BUREAU'S MONTHLY REPORT

COTTON IS ONLY COMMODITY  
SHOWING GAIN IN QUANTITY  
AND PRICE.

### HAY SHOWS DOUBLE DECREASE

Potatoes Develop Higher Rate of Increase in Price Than Any Other Farm Product—Fruit Crop Sore Disappointment.

Jefferson City. A summary of the September crop report for the state of Missouri and for the United States, as compiled by the bureau of crop estimates, United States department of agriculture, is as follows:

Corn—September 1 forecast, 149,000,000 bushels; last year, 209,450,000 bushels.

All Wheat—Preliminary estimate, 15,164,000 bushels; last year, 34,108,000 bushels.

Oats—September 1 forecast, 35,900 bushels; last year, 31,850,000 bushels.

Tobacco—September 1 forecast, 2,960,000 pounds; last year, 3,150,000 pounds.

Potatoes—September 1 forecast, 6,680,000 bushels; last year, 8,820,000 bushels.

Sweet Potatoes—September 1 forecast, 570,000 bushels; last year, 700,000 bushels.

Hay—Preliminary estimate, 4,120,000 tons; last year, 4,636,000 tons.

Apples—September 1 forecast, 2,920,000 barrels; last year, 6,287,000 barrels.

Peaches—Estimated production 1916, 1,080,000 bushels; 1915, 3,300,000 bushels.

Cotton—August 25 forecast, 80,000 bales; last year, 47,999 bales.

Prices—First price given below is the average on September 1 this year, and the second, the average on September 1 last year.

Wheat, 138 and 100 cents per bushel. Corn, 86 and 79. Oats, 41 and 40. Potatoes, 108 and 53. Hay, \$8.50 and \$9.20 per ton. Cotton, 12.0 and 8.5 cents per pound. Eggs, 18 and 15 cents per dozen.

### Treasurer's Report.

The statement of Treasurer Deal to the governor shows that there is \$6,037,667.64 now in the treasury. The receipts for the month of August were \$1,297,966.98 and the disbursements were \$149,047.56. The revenue fund has a balance of \$186,015.61, and the public school fund has a balance of \$1,558,746.67. In the fund for redemption of the new capitol there is a balance of \$1,332,751.42. There was paid out of this fund during the past month \$193,776.42.

The various good road funds have a balance of \$542,174.54 contributed to from the following sources: Automobile licenses, \$382,411.28; sales of option stamps, \$38,581.26; general road fund, \$14,876.74; corporation tax, \$125,405.26.

### Arson Plans Frustrated.

A plot to fire the D. M. Oberman Manufacturing Co. plant in the state prison was discovered recently, but the convicts implicated have not been identified.

During the fire in the Central Broom Co. factory building virtually all of the wires carrying electric current were cut.

Just after the men were marched out at the close of work a guard found an electric light wire leading into a big pile of half-finished overalls. There seems to be little doubt that there is a well-organized "arson trust" among the convicts to burn every building in the prison that is not fire-proof.

Prison officials say they have information that will disclose all the ramifications of the plot. The Oberman factory employs 1,000 men.

### Man Accused of Killing Brother.

Henry Sallin, son of Joseph Sallin, a farmer, residing near Linn, Oaage county, is in the Cole county jail awaiting a preliminary hearing on a charge of killing his brother, Albert Sallin, while the two were in Jefferson City.

Sallin was arraigned before Justice Fromme and entered a plea of not guilty. Because he had no lawyer and was not prepared for a preliminary hearing it was postponed.

### Special Elections.

Governor Major issued writs for special elections in the Sixth and Twenty-eighth state senatorial districts to fill vacancies caused by the deaths of Col. William H. Phelps of Carthage and Dr. John S. Wallace of Keytesville, both of whom were hold-over senators. The special elections will be held the day of the general election.

### Danforth Gains Release.

Martin Danforth of St. Louis, sentenced to serve four years for fraudulent registration, obtained his release from the state penitentiary by a habeas corpus proceeding filed before Judge Jack Slate of the Cole county circuit court.

Danforth's time would have expired October 1, but he alleged the 30 days which he spent in the St. Louis jail, after the affirmation of his sentence by the supreme court, should be deducted. Judge Slate took this view and ordered Danforth's release.

### Convicts Caught Food.

How Fred King and Philip Wellington, yeggmen, convicted in Kansas City of a burglary committed with explosives, escaped from their guards a few days ago while employed in the construction of a new wall about the penitentiary, was disclosed. They are still at large.

Warden D. C. McClung discovered a hole under one of the towers of the wall in which there was food, water and two suits of convict clothes, which were left by Wellington and King when they escaped.

### Shoe Industry Growing.

Advance information from the 1916 Red Book of the bureau of labor statistics shows that 54 boot and shoe factories of Missouri, chiefly in St. Louis, turned out in the fiscal year which closed June 30, boots and shoes and similar products to the value of \$55,148,100, breaking all previous records.

In 1904 27 factories turned out products worth \$33,541,000; in 1909, \$42,751,000, and in 1914 \$52,522,000. Beside St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph, shoe factories are to be found in Washington, Jefferson City, Desoto, Brookfield, Kirksville, Moberly, Hermann, Union, Cape Girardeau and Hannibal.

Missouri's boot and shoe factories in the last fiscal year gave employment to 15,477, this army drawing \$7,279,650 in salaries and wages. Nearly half of the boot and shoe workers were women and girls and they earned from \$5 to \$18 a week, those who were paid from \$9 to \$12 predominating. From \$5 to \$9 per week was paid boys and \$12 to \$30 a week to men.

St. Louis is now the largest wholesale boot and shoe center of the country. The boot and shoe factories found in smaller Missouri cities are branches of the St. Louis factories, and all their selling is done through their St. Louis headquarters.

### State Draws Interest.

Checks were received by State Treasurer Deal from the various state depositories for interest on the state's daily balances for August.

The total was \$18,542.16, paid by the following banks:

Commerce Trust Company of Kansas City, \$1,433.62; Central National Bank, Booneville, \$635.50; Charleston Bank, Charleston, \$449.57; Exchange Bank, Jefferson City, \$35.57; First National Bank, Jefferson City, \$762.34; Old Bank Trust Company, Shelbyville, \$198.93; Holland Banking Company, Springfield, \$1,049.50; Banking House of T. J. Lyman, Edina, \$196.86; Bank of La Plata, La Plata, \$187.24; Ellington Bank, Ellington, \$198.29; Kearney Bank, Kearney, \$405.64; Bank of Libourne, Libourne, \$138.02; Stoddard County Trust Company, Bloomfield, \$234.98; Citizens' Bank, Marshfield, \$268.49; Southern Missouri Trust Company, Springfield, \$221; Mississippi County Bank, Charleston, \$259.87; Schuyler County Bank, Lancaster, \$245.

The Central Missouri Trust Company of Jefferson City paid \$227.01 on current balances and \$594.18 on the capitol building fund.

The Mercantile Trust Company of St. Louis paid \$2,205.25 on balances and \$3,817.16 on capitol building fund. The total interest for the month on current balances was \$14,131.55, and on capitol building fund, \$4,411.34.

### 180,000 Missouri Autos.

Registrations of automobiles in Missouri amount to 180,000. Although only seven months of the year have passed this number is 25,000 in excess of the number of automobile licenses issued last year. In St. Louis 19,453 licenses were issued while 11,954 were issued in Kansas City.

### Commissions Issued.

Commissions were issued here for the following military appointments: Alex. B. Skinner, second lieutenant, First regiment, to rank from May 30; Clarence W. Schnell, second lieutenant, Company B, First regiment, rank from June 12; John B. Hatfield, first lieutenant, Troop B, rank from June 13; Julius Miluhka, second lieutenant, Troop B, rank from Aug. 19; Daniel S. Chapman and John F. Howell, first lieutenants of the medical corps, to rank from June 27; James F. Innes and Sidney J. Johnson, first and second lieutenants, respectively, of Third regiment, to rank from June 19 and July 7; Roger T. Sermon, first lieutenant, Battery C, rank from June 10, and Edgar G. Hinde, second lieutenant of the First battalion, First artillery, to rank from June 15.

### Convict Escapes Twice.

About a week ago Wesley Oliphant of Henry county, a convict, serving two years for burglary, escaped from the prison yard, and was later run down by the prison bloodhounds and forced to climb a tree, eight miles west of here, where the prison officers found him.

He was put to work breaking rock, but this time a ball and chain was attached to his ankle in order that his speed might be diminished if he should take another notion to leave. He did leave with the ball and chain attached to his leg, and has not yet been apprehended.